



Which Categories Beat the S&P 500 in a Bear Market Recovery?

The S&P 500 beat this and the S&P 500 beat that. Are you as tired of hearing that as I am? While the returns of the S&P 500 are a formidable opponent, the charts below indicate that several investment categories regularly outpaced the returns generated by the S&P 500 Total Return Index during the market recovery from the last eleven bear markets dating back to 1957.

Beat the S&P 500

return rankings for the first 6 months of a recovery

Fund Category	7/57 12/57 -14.95	12/61 6/62 -22.21	1/66 9/66 -15.66	11/68 6/70 -29.16	12/72 9/74 -42.71	12/76 2/78 -14.47	11/80 7/82 -16.55	8/87 11/87 -29.58	5/90 10/90 -14.69	6/98 8/98 -14.37	8/00 9/02 -44.73	Avg Rank 12mo -23.55
Mid Cap	2	5	2	3	1	5	2	2	4	4	8	3.5
Sector-Technology	9	4	4	5	5	2	3	3	3	1	1	3.6
Small Cap	1	7	1	9	4	1	1	1	2	7	10	4.0
Growth	4	8	3	6	3	3	4	4	5	3	4	4.3
S&P 500 Total Return	6	2	7	2	8	7	5	5	6	2	2	4.7
Sector-Financial Services	8	1	8	4	2	4	7	6	1	6	9	5.1
Growth & Income	7	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	7	5	7	6.4
Equity Income	3	10	5	8	7	8	8	8	8	8	6	7.2
Sector-Utilities	10	3	10	1	10	10	10	10	10	9	3	7.8
Balanced	5	9	9	10	9	9	9	9	9	10	5	8.5

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Sector-Technology	12.45	17.09	25.54	27.51	35.09	42.45	49.80	19.12	40.01	61.68	16.01	31.52
Small Cap	30.38	13.38	43.47	23.10	38.91	45.48	57.83	25.64	41.57	15.89	-0.05	30.51
Mid Cap	20.52	16.98	34.18	28.84	43.26	26.18	54.83	22.27	32.77	24.80	2.16	27.89
Growth	16.37	12.52	29.81	26.09	39.11	33.69	41.44	17.79	30.05	27.43	3.30	25.24
Sector-Financial Services	12.65	25.15	19.48	28.58	40.87	28.03	33.78	15.91	51.31	19.84	0.28	25.08
S&P 500 Total Return	15.40	17.30	19.86	29.12	26.37	21.78	39.25	15.99	25.62	30.30	5.02	22.36
Growth & Income	15.24	13.64	21.32	25.18	31.98	23.39	34.63	15.33	23.48	21.10	2.67	20.72
Equity Income	19.00	10.84	21.64	24.89	29.35	14.41	31.88	14.11	20.58	15.87	2.86	18.68
Balanced	15.60	11.01	19.31	22.19	23.62	14.02	29.61	11.90	18.63	14.06	2.91	16.62
Sector-Utilities	1.42	19.63	14.36	31.98	22.77	7.31	21.79	9.28	9.08	14.59	3.92	14.19

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Return rankings for the first 12 months of a recovery

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Small Cap	1	10	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	5	2	2.6
Mid Cap	4	3	2	2	2	7	2	2	4	2	3	3.0
Sector-Technology	3	5	4	5	6	2	3	10	3	1	1	3.9
Growth	7	7	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	4	6	4.5
S&P 500 Total Return	5	2	7	6	4	6	5	4	6	3	4	4.7
Sector-Financial Services	6	1	9	1	9	4	6	3	1	10	5	5.0
Growth & Income	9	6	6	8	5	5	7	6	7	6	8	6.6
Equity Income	8	8	5	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	9	7.5
Sector-Utilities	2	4	10	10	8	10	10	9	10	7	7	7.9
Balanced	10	9	8	9	10	9	9	8	9	9	10	9.1

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Small Cap	81.71	21.59	85.12	48.81	48.54	25.98	99.53	26.89	60.22	31.76	30.92	51.01
Sector-Technology	48.07	27.46	38.01	47.48	37.05	24.01	80.28	12.83	54.87	108.31	56.07	48.59
Mid Cap	44.08	30.70	58.85	51.64	44.41	16.13	92.34	26.14	48.04	41.34	26.40	43.64
Growth	43.08	25.51	49.40	49.12	42.89	23.16	67.27	22.17	41.23	37.62	23.44	38.63
Sector-Financial Services	43.22	39.70	14.92	58.13	31.10	21.20	55.65	24.19	75.68	17.00	23.73	36.77
S&P 500 Total Return	43.36	31.00	30.52	41.88	38.13	16.57	59.26	23.33	33.50	39.83	24.40	34.71
Growth & Income	41.04	26.52	34.08	40.25	37.47	17.00	54.51	21.75	32.56	29.55	21.13	32.35
Equity Income	43.00	24.71	37.66	40.66	36.65	11.69	50.24	21.58	30.21	22.48	20.50	30.85
Balanced	33.43	22.70	28.99	33.69	27.44	9.51	44.37	16.69	27.75	18.00	15.46	25.28
Sector-Utilities	49.24	27.87	11.79	29.34	31.56	6.43	28.64	15.42	18.78	22.75	21.37	23.93